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SUBJ: FSLN LEADER: PLUTARCO E HERNANDEZ SANCHO

REF: A. MANAGUA 3092, B. SAN JMSE 2390 (NOTAL),

1. PARA 2 REF A MAY DESERVE SOME ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION. FIRST, GOCR DID NOT OVERRULE COSTA RICAN SUPREME COURT BY GRANTING A PARDON TO HERNANDEZ. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, COURTS RULED THAT THERE WAS NOT BASIS FOR JUDICIAL DISPENSATION IN HERNANDEZ CASE. RULING DID NOT IMPLY THAT DISPENSATION OR PARDON COULD NOT BE GRANTED TO HERNANDEZ, ONLY THAT JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES LACKED LEGAL POWER TO GRANT IT. GOCR DECISION WAS SEPARATE ACTION AND BASED ON UNRESTRICTED AUTHORITY OF COSTA RICAN CABINET TO GRANT PARDON IN THESE CASES WHERE IT SEES FIT TO DO SO.

2. WHILTE IT IS TRUE THAT THERS IS NATURAL BUT NOT LEGAL FAMILY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER AND HERNANDEZ WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THIS WAS THE MOTIVATION FOR GOCR ACTION. WE ARE SATISFIED THAT GOCR ACTED AS IT DID TO AVOID CONFRONTATION WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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